GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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COMMITTEE ON REVIEW OF POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROGRMMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to constitute any committee to review the poverty alleviation schemes/programmes being implemented by different States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has chalked out any plan to eradicate poverty and rural unemployment within a period of ten years;

(d) if so, the present status of extent of poverty and rural unemployment in the country, State- wise; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government for effective implementation of the schemes/programmes meant for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) & (b) Review of rural poverty alleviation schemes/ programmes is a continuous process. Recently in the Mid-term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-2007), the Planning Commission reviewed major anti-poverty programmes. At the time of formulation of Five Year Plans also, various Steering Committees and Working Groups are set up to review the poverty alleviation programmess and to suggest ways for improving the efficacy of the programmes.

(c) The Tenth Plan has established specific and monitorable targets for a few key indicators of Human Development, which include reduction of poverty ratio by 5 percentage points by 2007 and by 15 percentage points by 2012.

(d) According to the information given by the Planning Commission, a Table showing unemployment rates and percentage of population Below Poverty Line (BPL) in rural areas in selected States (1999-2000) is enclosed at Annexure-I.

(e) With a view to improve the implementation process in more effective manner, the Ministry has evolved a comprehensive multi-level and multi-tool system of monitoring and evaluation for the implementation of its programmes, which include Review by Union Ministers with Chief Ministers and other State Ministers concerned with the programmes of the Ministry, Area Officer`s Scheme, Field Visits by State Officials for monitoring of porgrammes, District Level Monitoring, monitoring by the National Level Monitors, Periodical Progress Reports, Concurrent and Evaluation Studies, Impact Assessment Studies. Besides, appropriate objectively verifiable performance indicators have been developed for each of the specific programme, both by the Ministry of Rural Development and the State authorities for effective programme monitoring at the District, Block, Gram Panchayat and Village levels.

Annexure-I Statement referred in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 2572 due for reply on 9.12.2005

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES AND PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE IN RURAL AREAS IN SELECTED STATES, 1999-2000

States/UTs	Percentage of persons Below poverty line (%)	Unemployment Rate
Rural	Rural	
Andhra Pradesh	11.05	8.1
Assam	40.04	7.4
Bihar	44.30	7.0
Gujarat	13.17	4.7
Haryana	8.27	4.8
Himachal Pradesh	7.94	2.5
Karnataka	17.38	4.3
kerala	9.38	21.7
Madhya Pradesh	37.06	3.8
Maharashtra	23.72	6.6
Orissa	48.01	7
Punjab	6.35	3.7
Rajasthan	13.74	2.8

Tamil Nadu	20.55	13.5
Uttar Pradesh	31.22	3.6
West Bengal	31.85	16.9
Delhi	0.4	4.9
All India	27.09	7.2

On current Daily Status basis.